

The Honorable Ben Shelly
President, Navajo Nation
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Dear President Shelly,

I am pleased to transmit the Summary Report on Federal Actions to Address Impacts of Uranium Contamination in the Navajo Nation. The report details the results of the first-ever coordinated effort by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the Department of Energy (DOE), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Indian Health Service (IHS), to address Navajo uranium contamination. The report describes the agencies' work to mitigate the highest risks to Navajo residents, including rebuilding contaminated homes, providing safe drinking water, and conducting cleanup work at high priority abandoned mines.

Over the past five years, the agencies gained an improved understanding of the wide-spread scope of potential exposure to uranium contamination on the Navajo Nation. All 6 agencies are committed to continue working with the Navajo Nation to find long term solutions to the remaining uranium problems on Navajo lands and, to this end, will be developing a second 5-Year Plan over the course of the next 6 months.

The work done to date would not have been possible without the partnership of your office, the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, and the Navajo Nation Department of Justice, and their continued involvement is essential. I would like to extend an invitation to conduct government-to-government consultation as we develop the second 5-Year Plan. Mr. Clancy Tenley will remain as the Superfund program's point of contact for working with your staff; he can be reached at (415) 972-3785. Please also feel free to contact me at (415) 947-8702, or Superfund Director Jane Diamond at (415) 947-8709. We will remain engaged as we continue our progress to remedy the legacy of uranium contamination on the Navajo Nation.

Sincerely,

/s/Jared Blumenfeld

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